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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

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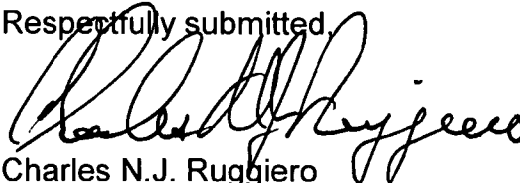
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pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with the application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5607474	3/4/97	Athanasίου et al.	623	11	
	5624463	4/29/97	Stone et al.	623	18	
	6511511	1/28/03	Slivka et al.	623	23.75	
	6626945	9/30/03	Simon et al.	623	17.19	
	6626950	9/30/03	Brown et al.	623	23.72	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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